



Minnesota Board of Marriage and Family Therapy



Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 15, 2010

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Herb Grant, Chair
Mark Flaten, Vice-Chair
Sara Wright, Secretary
Manijeh Daneshpour
Kay Ek

MEMBERS ABSENT:

John Seymour

STAFF PRESENT:

Jennifer Mohlenhoff, Executive Director
Nancy O'Brien

GUESTS:

Jill Meyer, Rural Health Care Commission
Kate Zacher-Pate, Board of Social Work
Nathan Hart, Attorney
Mary Hayes, Ph.D.
Bruce Minor, Argosy University
Steve Peltier, St. Mary's University
Students

I. ORAL EXAMINATION

Oral examinations were administered on October 14 and 15, 2010. Upon successful completion, licenses were issued to: Natalie A. Bowker, Benjamin W. Bevis, Samantha J. Zaid, Kyle Marie Hood, Joyce "Joi" Simpson, Siobhan K. Nelson, Kesha M. Anderson, Maren E. Erickson, Meghan R. Tyler, Carmen Gloria Avendano.

II. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Herb Grant called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m. in the University Room of the University Park Plaza Building.

III. CONSIDER AGENDA

The agenda was approved as written.

IV. INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME TO JENNIFER MOHLENHOFF, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Chair Herb Grant introduced Jennifer Mohlenhoff, the newly hired Executive Director to the Board.

V. APPROVAL OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2010, BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes of the September 17, 2010, Board meeting were approved as written, passed on a motion by Sara Wright and seconded by Manijeh Daneshpour.

VI. REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE RURAL HEALTH CARE COMMISSION

Jill Meyer, a representative from the Rural Health Care Commission, explained to members that its mission is to promote access to quality health care for rural and underserved Minnesotans. Ms. Meyer stated that the Commission is mandated to collect licensure data from Minnesota health boards to help direct resources to resolve identified shortages. Ms. Meyer offered to assist the Board in developing a survey specific to Marriage & Family Therapy coding, with no cost to the Board, and presented information on how the survey creation and data collection process worked. Ms. Meyer indicated they would like to begin working with the Board in 2011.

VII. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Jennifer Mohlenhoff thanked the Board for their warm welcome. She is familiarizing herself with Board responsibilities. Top priorities are preparing budget documents for the upcoming legislative session and shepherding the proposed rule revisions through the administrative rulemaking process.

Members reviewed the Board's current monthly budget report.

Mary Hayes reported that the fall administration of the national examination window just ended.

Mary Hayes reported that she will be presenting a supervision workshop on November 5, 2010.

VIII. DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE LEGISLATIVE LANGUAGE FOR M.S. 214 AND M.S. 148

Kate Zacher-Pate, Executive Director for the Board of Social Work, explained the background and key elements of possible new legislative language for M.S. 214 and M.S.148, in regard to health professionals who are convicted of a felony-level criminal sexual conduct offense. This legislation would automatically revoke a license if a licensee is convicted of an offense listed in the new legislation. Members agreed that its primary concern is for the safety of consumers and that public policy should be uniform, and that the Board should have the authority to revoke a license immediately, and ultimately reduce cost to the Boards. Kate Zacher-Pate reported that a sub-committee of health boards is preparing language to present to the Council of Health Boards listing the boards that support application of the proposed statutory language to their licensees. The Council of Health Boards will incorporate this list into a report given to the 2011 legislature. Following discussion, the Board agreed to be listed as supporting the proposed statutory language change.

IX. REPORT ON AMFTRB ANNUAL MEETING

Chair Herb Grant and Mary Hayes gave a report on the AMFTRB Annual Meeting which they attended in September. Issues discussed were on-line education, supervision, endorsement, and the national examination. Mary Hayes stated that she spoke about the Minnesota Board's workshop for Board-approved supervisors. COAMFT members and

MFT training program faculty members participated in the meeting with AMFTRB delegates.

X. COURSEWORK / TRANSCRIPT REVIEW

Members tabled this agenda item to the November Board meeting.

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Application Committee:

15 applicants were approved to sit for the state examination.

Five (5) applicants were approved to sit for the national examination.

Complaint Committee:

Mary Hayes stated that the Complaint Committee will schedule a meeting in November to review open complaints.

Continuing Education Committee:

Mary Hayes reported that she reviewed several applications from both sponsor organizations and licensees for approval of continuing education programs.

Personnel Committee:

Herb Grant reported that the Personnel Committee did not meet.

XII. VARIANCE REVIEW

Variance #1: Regarding a request for a variance to be granted additional time to complete post-degree supervision hours. Mark Flaten made a motion to request a detailed explanation of professional experience. Manijeh Daneshpour seconded the motion, the motion passed.

Variance #2: Regarding a request for a variance to the supervision requirement. Manijeh Daneshpour made a motion to deny the request. Sara Wright seconded the motion. The motion passed.

XIII. PUBLIC INPUT

There was no public input.

XIV. OTHER ITEMS

There were no other items.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Herb Grant adjourned the meeting at 1:00 p.m. on a motion by Manijeh Daneshpour and seconded by Mark Flaten.

I hereby attest that these minutes were read and approved by the Board of Marriage and Family Therapy on November 19, 2010.
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Sara Wright, Secretary